

Selected Facts for Ector County - 1999

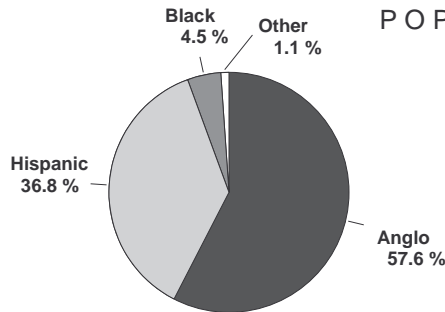
Demography

Estimated Population: 123,754

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 26

Population Per Square Mile: 137.4

Area in Square Miles: 901



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	5,116	5,366	10,482	8.5 %
5 - 14	10,332	10,824	21,156	17.1 %
15 - 44	27,287	26,266	53,553	43.3 %
45 - 64	12,786	12,174	24,960	20.2 %
65 +	7,955	5,648	13,603	11.0 %
Total	63,476	60,278	123,754	100.0 %
County	51.3 %	48.7 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	10.4 %	4.6 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	2,835	369,938
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	13,387	1,457,347
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	23,237	2,676,056
Per Capita Personal Income, 1998	\$ 19,824	\$ 25,369

	Number	County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty, 1997			
Total	23,523	18.7 %	16.7 %
0 - 17 Years	10,197	25.1 %	23.6 %
18 Years and over	13,326	15.6 %	13.8 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Total	33,242	25.9 %	24.2 %
0 - 18 Years	10,937	26.7 %	25.0 %
19 - 64 Years	22,084	29.6 %	27.6 %

Natality

	Births ¹	County	State
Total Live Births	2,257		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	219	9.7 %	6.1 %
Unmarried Mothers	952	42.3 %	31.3 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	193	8.6 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	387	18.8 %	20.7 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 82.7	State: 77.3	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	County	State
Tuberculosis	10	----	8.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	----	2.3
Gonorrhea	102	82.4	163.0
Chlamydia	273	220.6	311.9
AIDS	7	----	14.3
Hepatitis A	6	----	12.6
Varicella (Chickenpox)	38	30.7	37.3

Mortality² (See note below)

	Deaths ¹	County	State
Deaths From All Causes	954	907.7	897.7
Cardiovascular Disease	351	341.7	360.3
Heart Disease	275	266.4	272.7
Stroke	61	60.5	66.3
All Cancer	226	212.8	199.7
Lung Cancer	59	54.6	56.3
Female Breast Cancer	12	----	25.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	91	87.7	47.4

	Deaths ¹	County	State
Diabetes	24	23.4	30.4
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	45	40.1	38.2
Motor Vehicle Injury	26	22.0	15.6
Homicide	4	----	6.4
Suicide	17	----	10.5
Work-related Injury	3	----	2.8
Infant Deaths	13	----	6.2
Fetal Deaths ¹	16	----	6.4

¹ All births and deaths are by county of residence. Low birth weight represents live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

Note ² **Mortality data reported for 1999 are not comparable with data reported for prior years.** Beginning in 1999, TDH is following the National Center for Health Statistics guidelines for reporting mortality statistics that include coding data using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision and age adjustments using the 2000 Standard Population.

³ Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. Standard Population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "----".

Health Professionals

	County	State
Direct Patient Care Physicians	160	28,595
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	773	701
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	5,625	3,790
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	2,099	2,293
Registered Nurses	794	118,929
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	156	169
Dentists	33	8,109
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	3,750	2,472

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals.	2	472
Licensed Beds.	482	72,201
Staffed Beds.	434	56,993
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 11,004,022	\$1,038,404,489
Nursing Homes	5	1,157
Licensed Beds.	565	127,432

No areas/populations in Ector County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of January 2001. Some subcounty areas/populations in Ector County were designated as a Medically Underserved Area as of January 2001. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/>.

Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Ector County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 18

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents Yes

Chronically Ill and Disabled Children's Services¹

Eligible children. 88
Children served. 45
Amount paid. \$ 150,731

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 26
EMS personnel certified. 313

Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)

Family planning services available to county residents Yes

Food and Drug Safety

Facilities licensed, registered, permitted or accredited. 202

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 46,092

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care. 136

Ector County Health Department

TDH funding. \$ 206,264

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 0

Primary Health Care/COPH Services¹

Reported clients served. 2,012

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 103
Estimated cost of treatments. \$ 124,118

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations. 86
Certified mammography locations. 3

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Number of checkups. 5,745

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons treated for TB infection. 158

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents Yes

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 10,070

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 0

¹Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

For information on sources of data, refer to the document *Texas Health Facts Data Sources, 1999*.